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SUBJECT: EXBS ADVISOR August 15 to September 12, 2009 MONTH END
REPORT, KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

II. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS: EXBS
activities during this reporting period included:

1.(U) EXBS staff and a CTP legislative Development Expert completed consultations on export control legislation with the GOA, EXBS Advisor and EXBS Assistant were election observers, EXBS donated radios and repeater were installed at the Kabul International Airport cargo facility, EXBS contracted a refurbishment project to renovate a server room for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, met with a contractor at Customs ICD to assess repairs to a large forklift and crane that were donated to Afghan Customs in 2007, met with Afghan Border Police to discuss three new border assistance projects.

II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR REPORTING PERIOD (KABUL, AFGHANISTAN):

AA. Site Assessments and Meetings held during this Reporting Period.

11. (U) During this report period the EXBS staff and the Senior Consultant and Project Manager for Commonwealth Trading Partners, Mr. Toomas Raba held a five-day consultation visit in Kabul to discuss Legislative Development Assistance with representatives from the Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, Afghan Customs, Afghan Border Police, and Afghan Ministry of Justice. The consultation visit is the fifth in a series of consultations that will provide advice and guidance to the GOA leading to the completion of draft export control legislation that satisfies international standards including the requirements of UNSCR 1540.

22. (U) on August 20, 2009 The EXBS Advisor and EXBS Program Assistant worked with other Embassy and International Observers to monitor and report on the Presidential election process at polling stations in Kabul. The Advisor and Program Assistant went to four polling stations during the course of the day. The Advisor and

Program Assistant were required to complete a four-hour training program to qualify as observers. The security provided to the election observers by Embassy Security Personnel was excellent.

¶3. (U) During this report period EXBS received a fund cite for the refurbishment of a room to provide security for the servers EXBS will install at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The Embassy GSO provided procurement contract support. The work on the server room was started on September 9 and is expected to be completed on September 17. The EXBS program has been working with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) to establish a modern Import/Export licensing system. Bearing Point Management and Technology Consultants have been contracted to provide the equipment and training. Deloitte Consulting LLP has been contracted to install the equipment. Deloitte Consulting LLP will install the IT equipment as soon as the server room is completed.

¶4. (U) During this report period the EXBS staff assisted the Motorola contractor with the installation of a repeater for Motorola Radios donated to Afghan Customs at the Kabul International Airport cargo section.

¶5. (U) During this report period EXBS Program Assistant Roohullah Shekaib visited the Kabul International Airport to verify that all preparations are ready for the installation of a new passenger baggage x-ray unit EXBS will donate to the Afghan Customs at the new international airport. EXBS will provide two additional cargo x-ray system to Islam Qalah and Mazar-e-Sharif.

¶6. (U) During this report period the EXBS staff visited the Afghan
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Customs Inland Customs Depot (ICD) to conduct an assessment on two large pieces of equipment EXBS donated in 2007. EXBS donated a 13.5 ton forklift to the Kabul ICD. The forklift is not being used and EXBS has decided to transfer it to Islam Qalah on the Afghan border with Iran. During the assessment EXBS discovered that due to a lack of use the batteries had deteriorated and would have to be replaced.

It was also discovered that there is a hydraulic problem with the lift. The second piece of equipment is a 40 ton crane that will need major repairs. EXBS contacted the original contractor that provided the crane to see if the repairs were covered under warranty. The warranty period was only for 12 months. Estimated cost of the repairs will be \$800 for the forklift and \$32,000 for the crane.

¶7. (U) During this report period the EXBS staff met with The Director General of the Afghan Border Police (ABP) to discuss future equipment and infrastructure support. EXBS is conducting market research for high security border check points and construction of modular buildings for green-border operations. The ABP will be the principal recipient. General Norzi expressed his appreciation for all of the equipment and training that the United States has provided.

¶8. (U) During this report period the EXBS staff met with Dr. Abdul Malik Malik, Head of the Radiation Protection and Radiation Safety Department of the Kabul Ministry of Health to discuss the upcoming SABRE 4000 Radiation, Chemical, Narcotic, and Explosives Detection System training that EXBS will be providing to the Afghanistan Customs and Border Police. The training was scheduled for September 23 - 24. Unfortunately the training will have to be postponed because the end of Ramadan celebrations has been extended.

¶B. Training Conducted During Report Period.

¶1. (U) on August 10, 2009 EXBS and Commonwealth Trading Partners (CTP), a Legislative Development Consultation company, started a Legislative Development Workshop at the Serena Hotel in Kabul. Eight Afghan Government officials participated in the five-day workshop. The visit is at the request of the Afghan Government to have Commonwealth Trading Partners follow-up on four export control workshops provide in 2008. CTP will assist the Afghan Government in drafting an Export Control Law that conforms to international standards. The next visit will be scheduled in October.

1C. Training Programs Pending.

11. (U) EXBS has entered into an agreement with BMTF to use BMFT Mentors located near border crossing posts and Inland Cargo Depots (ICDs) as trainers on selected EXBS equipment. The trainers will have experience as border inspectors and knowledge on the equipment.

BMTF Mentors stationed at Islam Qualah and Towr Kham Border Crossing Points (BCPs) have provided training on Busters and assorted inspection tools. The Mentors will train Customs and Border Police Officers assigned to the ports on the equipment and then turn the equipment over to Customs. Like kind inspection equipment is being planned for the Border Police stationed at the BCPs. On the more technical equipment, subject matter experts will be required to conduct training on the radiation and metal detection/identification devices. Once a source for this training has been identified and the training completed, this equipment can be fielded immediately. The EXBS office continues to work with ISN/ECC to find an acceptable source for this training. Getting the equipment out to the BCPs is a top EXBS priority.

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12. (U) The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) provided the Embassy with an official notice stating that it welcomes the assistance of the Embassy and EXBS in developing a new Export Control Law (Strategic Goods Act). This law, based on European Union (EU) models of similar laws, will incorporate control lists and provide the legal foundation to institutionalize controls on the movement of weapons of mass destruction and their precursors. EXBS provided funds to translate a version of a model EU law into Dari. The model EU law will serve as a starting point for the MoCI to draft its Strategic Goods bill. Other key stake holders such as the Ministry of Finance (Customs) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have expressed their commitments to getting this draft legislation completed.

This project will build capacity for the Afghan government in the area of non-proliferation controls and will provide a legal foundation for the use of international Control Lists and Import, Export and Transshipment controls for the movement of Weapons of Mass Destruction. The new hardware and software will automate their current license control system. This effort will include a database that can efficiently manage licensing approvals as well as give the law enforcement community better visibility of the movement of all shipments in and out of Afghanistan. ISN/ECC is in the process of scheduling this assistance.

13. (U) The United States Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) Global Threat Reduction Initiative (GTRI) planned to hold a training program on the recovery of orphaned radioactive sources. The training for 25 Afghan Government officials was scheduled to be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan the second week in December in conjunction with a similar course for Uzbek Government officials. Unfortunately the Uzbek Government has declined the training request. The training will have to be rescheduled in another country.

III. RED FLAG ISSUES:

11. (U) No Red Flag Issues to report.
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